(b) if so, the action taken against these officers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) CBI has booked 57 Gazetted officers (not 58 as mentioned in the Question) for corruption charges during the month of June, 1991.

(b) Regular cases have been registered against officials concerned.

Promotion of Software Exports

5639. SHRI S.B. SIDNAL:Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the United Nations Development Programme is assisting India in developing software capabilities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have considered the recommendations of UNDP for promoting software exports; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and to what extent the Government have agreed to implement these recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The UNDP have been assisting India in developing software capabilities in areas, namely, Knowledge Based Computer System (KBCS), Education & Research in Computer Networking (ERNET), Computer Aided Management (CAM) and Computer Aided Design (CAD) Programmes.

The KBCS Programme is aimed to develop national capabilities and gain expertise in research, design, development training and to demonstrate KBCS technology based solutions to the selected problems in the areas of medical care, primary education, industrial productivity and communication among different languages.

The objective of the ERNET programme is to develop national capabilities in design, development, education, research and training in contemporary trends of computer networking and set up experimental academic and research networking.

The objective of the CAD Programme is optimisation of industrial design and process control in the designated critical areas which include chemical engineering plants, semiconductor and related electronic systems, industry and heavy engineering plants etc.

The CAM programme aims to promote optimum utilisation resources and manpower in the organised sectors of economy improvements in management techniques using information technology.

(c) and (d). The UNDP has not made any specific recommendations in regard to software export. However, UNDP organised a Seminar in November, 1990 at Bombay to discuss various issues related to software export with industry. Most of the issues raised in the Seminar have been attended to by the Government through various policy measures and a series of incentives given by the Government from time to time for export of software.

Plastic Industry

5640. SHRI S.B. SIDNAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recent Industrial Policy announced by the Government has adversely affected the plastic industry; and

(b) if so, the measures proposed to be